

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- A. Soil Erosion-due to rock rolling
- B. Pasture conditions and grazing concerns
- C. Invasive plant species- Buckthorn and Spotted knapweed
- D. Wildlife habitat- woodland management, forested buffers
- E. Tree establishment- windbreaks/ windbreak renovation
- F. Feedlot issues- water quality issues/sensitive areas
- G. Soil erosion-more land being converted to cropland for growing corn and soybeans.

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

<u>Geographic Regions</u>	<u>Resource Concerns</u>
Silver Creek	Vegetative Cover and Buffer
Lost River	Vegetative Cover and Buffer
Clearwater River	Vegetative Cover and Buffer
Ruffy Brook	Vegetative Cover and Buffer
Lower rice lake	Vegetative Cover and Buffer

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications addressing water quality and soil erosion concerns.

Applications addressing invasive plant species

Applications with prescribe grazing systems

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

WATER QUALITY- the applicant will install practices to implement a prescribe grazing system that addresses water quality concerns within the listed impaired watersheds above. 3 points

GRAZING SYSTEMS- the applicant will install practices to implement a prescribe grazing system 8 points.

WILDLIFE HABITAT- the applicant will install practices to improve wildlife habitat such as Invasive Plant Species Pest Management(797) 8 points.

EROSION CONTROL- the applicant will install practices that reduce soil erosion to T or less 7 points.

WATER QUALITY- the applicant will install practices that address water quality concerns within the listed watersheds above 7 points

WATER QUALITY- applicant will install nutrient and pest management practices within the listed impaired watersheds. 5 points

ALL CONCERNS- the applicant will install practices that will provide long term environmental benefits 2 points.

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.**
6. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC (FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**
7. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Date